Introduced by Senator Maldonado

February 21, 2006

An act to amend Section 14005.35 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1371, as introduced, Maldonado. Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits.

Existing law requires that, except as specified, whenever a county receives information about changes in a beneficiary's circumstances that may affect eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits, the county promptly redetermine eligibility. Existing law requires the department, in consultation with certain entities, to study the feasibility of adopting a mechanism whereby, to the extent federal financial participation is available, a Medi-Cal managed care plan shall be notified whenever the eligibility of a Medi-Cal beneficiary enrolled in that plan is being redetermined.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14005.35 of the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 3 14005.35. The department, in consultation with the counties
- 4 and representatives of consumers, managed care plans, and

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1 Medi-Cal providers, shall study the feasibility of adopting a

- 2 mechanism whereby, to the extent federal financial participation
- 3 is available, a Medi-Cal managed care plan shall be notified
- 4 whenever the eligibility of a Medi-Cal beneficiary who is
- 5 enrolled in that plan is being redetermined, including notice of
- the date upon which any forms must be submitted to the county
- 7 by the beneficiary.